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Sir,

This is in response to the office action mailed on December 18, 2001 which set a shortened statutory period of response of three months. A Petition for a two (2) month extension of time accompanies this Reply.